

Representative Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

LIMITATIONS ON CASH PAY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates limitations on the sale of certain prescription drugs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- prohibits the dispensing of a prescription drug if:
 - the prescription drug is not paid for under health care insurance coverage; and
 - the total morphine milligram equivalent units dispensed to the patient exceeds a daily dose of 150 units.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

58-17b-626, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



Section 1. Section **58-17b-626** is enacted to read:

58-17b-626. Morphine milligram equivalence limit on certain dispensing.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Daily dose" means the dose of a prescription opiate that is recommended to the patient on the prescription for the prescription opiate.

(b) "Morphine milligram equivalent unit" means the standardized measure of the potency of a prescription opiate in relation to a dose of morphine, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(c) "Prescription opiate" means a prescription drug that is an opiate, as defined in Section [58-37-2](#).

(2) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern may not dispense a prescription opiate to a patient if:

(a) the prescription opiate is not paid for under a contract for health care insurance, as defined in Section [31A-1-301](#); and

(b) the prescription is for a daily dose that exceeds 150 morphine milligram equivalent units.

(3) This section does not apply to a prescription opiate dispensed to a patient:

(a) in hospice, as defined in Section [26-21-2](#); or

(b) who is an inpatient at a general acute hospital, as defined in Section [26-21-2](#).